

How to Flirt at C1/C2 Level

It's time for you to iron your smartest outfit and shine up your shoes because in today's lesson, you are going to learn advanced English to master the art of flirting and dating. We'll explore how to use real British slang and phrases for dating, making your language as charming as your intentions. Get ready to learn how to express interest and invite someone on a date with style and confidence. Let's get started!

Level 1

This lesson is extra special because, unlike my videos about ordering a coffee or in McDonald's at a C1 or C2 level, today's lesson is actually quite realistic.

I think you could say these things and get a date if you were in the UK. And that's because we're focusing on **advanced British slang** today.

The first one is a baseline - it doesn't have any slang. It's just a starting point so you can make comparisons with later passages.

**My friend doesn't think you'll agree to go on a date with me.
But I'd love to take you out for dinner sometime.**

Level 2

Now, let's add some advanced **slang** in text two.

I've been wanting to ask you out all night, but my mate told me I had no chance of getting a date with you. He'll be absolutely speechless if you say yes. So, you wanna get a bite to eat? No pressure.



So, did you understand all of that? It wasn't too advanced, but there are a few words I want to look at.

The first is '**mate**', which means '**friend**'. It's common in British English but is even more common in Australian English.

1. **mate** /meɪt/ - friend

- My **mates** encouraged me to ask you out.

The second word is the **informal contraction** '**wanna**'.

2. **wanna** /'wɒnə/ or /'wʌnə/ - the informal contraction of 'want to'

- Do you **wanna** go for a drink sometime?

And the final phrase from that text is '**a bite to eat**'. Notice the pronunciation.

In fast speech, when one word **ends in a vowel**, and **the next one starts with a vowel**, we often add an extra sound to make it easier to say. In this case, **the extra sound is /w/** - /ə baɪt tu (w) i:t/.

3. **a bite to eat** /ə baɪt tu (w) i:t/ - a small meal, also used in conversation to ask if someone wants to go out for something to eat, not necessarily something small

- Fancy getting **a bite to eat** at the local pub?

Note: You will also often hear '**a bite**' on its own.

- Fancy **a bite** later?

Before I move on, I also want to talk about this question: **You wanna get a bite to eat?**

You might have noticed that '**Do**' is **missing** from the beginning of that question. (Do you wanna get a bite to eat?) In informal speech, we often omit auxiliary verbs like 'do' from questions.

Level 3

You are by miles the most stunning person in the room, and I've been weighing up whether to come over all night. My mate over there, the slightly trolled one, told me I didn't have a chance in hell of getting you to go out with me. He's gonna be gobsmacked if you agree. So, what do you reckon? You wanna go out for a slap-up meal sometime? No worries if not.

How did you do with that one? It's definitely getting more advanced. Let's look at some of the vocabulary together.

The first phrase is '**by miles**'.

4. **by miles/far** /baɪ maɪlz/faɪ/ - by a very large amount
- You're the funniest person I've ever met **by miles**.

No, you cannot use '**kilometres**' in this phrase. You must use '**miles**' or you are going to get some pretty interesting looks from people.

5. **to weigh up** /ˌweɪ(j) 'ʌp/ - to think carefully about doing something before making a decision
- I was **weighing up** if I should ask her out because I'm sure she's going to say no.

There is another linking sound in that phrase - /j/. /ˌweɪ(j) 'ʌp/

6. **trolled** /'trɒlɪd/ - colloquial expression meaning very drunk
- Ben's **trolled**. Get him a taxi.



Lucy's Tip!

In British English, 'slightly' is sometimes used for emphasis in an ironic way. In our text above, 'the slightly trolled one' means that my mate is actually very drunk, not just a little. This is classic British understatement at its finest.

7. **to not have a chance in hell** /nɒt hæv ə tʃɑːns ɪn hel/ - to not have a chance

- There **is no chance in hell** that he will go on a date with you.

We also use this phrase with '**to be**' as you saw in the example sentence. The example also demonstrates British **banter** - we often say these kinds of things to close friends, knowing they will know that it's a joke.

Other alternatives to this phrase -

- **to not have a chance** ('hell' is omitted)
- **to not stand a chance**

8. **gonna** /'gənə/ - the informal contraction of 'going to'

- You **gonna** ask him out or not?

Another great British slang word in the text was '**gobsmacked**'. Your **gob** is your mouth, but that's a very informal word, and it's not very polite.

9. **gobsmacked** /'gɒbsmækt/ - so surprised that you can't speak

- I was **gobsmacked** when he turned up to our date wearing a tuxedo!

And the final word I want to point out from that text is the adjective '**slap-up**', which often comes before the word 'meal'

10. **slap-up** /'slæp ʌp/ - a very large and delicious meal

- I'd love to take you out for a **slap-up** meal sometime.



Level 4

My mate - the tipsy one by the bar - is absolutely sick of me banging on about how stunning you look and told me to shut my cakehole and do something about it. Anyway, I decided, nothing ventured, nothing gained, so I'm here to ask you out for dinner. He'll be floored if you say yes (maybe literally - he's more than tipsy, to be honest). And I'll be well chuffed to get a date with the fittest person in London. No stress if you don't fancy it, though.

How was that one? It was packed full of slang, so let me break some of it down for you.

Our first phrase is '**to be sick of something**'. You will also hear people say, '**I am sick of it**'.

11. **to be sick of sth. (or somebody)** /bi: sɪk əv/ - to be bored of something because it is annoying

- **I'm sick of you talking** about Dylan. Either ask him out or stop.

There are also other phrases you could use that have similar meanings:

- **to be sick and tired of something**
- **to be sick to the back teeth of something** (British English)
- **to be sick to death of something**

12. **to bang on about sth. (or somebody)** /ˌbæŋ 'ɒn ə'baʊt/ - to talk for a long time about something in a way that is annoying

- Ruth's been **banging on about her date** for hours.



The next word is perhaps the funniest one on my list: '**cakehole**', though it's not a very polite word.

13. **cakehole** /'keɪkhəʊl/ - British slang for mouth

- Shut your **cakehole**!

'**Cakehole**' literally refers to the hole in which you put cake. In American English, they often say '**piehole**', which maybe means that Americans prefer pie over cake.

14. **nothing ventured, nothing gained** /'nʌθɪŋ 'ventʃəd 'nʌθɪŋ geɪnd/ - a proverb meaning you have to take risks to achieve something or get something good

- Just ask Ravi on a date! **Nothing ventured, nothing gained.**

Next, I want to look at the verb '**to floor**'. You saw this phrase in the passive voice, 'He'll be floored', but you can also use it in the active voice.

15. **to floor** /flɔː/ - to confuse or surprise someone so much that they don't know what to say

- Amelia **floored** me when she asked me if I wanted to dance. I didn't think she knew who I was.

16. **chuffed** /tʃʌft/ - very happy, proud or satisfied

- I was really **chuffed** when Tom gave me his phone number.

We often say 'well chuffed' or 'chuffed to bits' for emphasis.



Keep in mind that it's not traditionally grammatically correct to use 'well' like this, but it's a common feature in many dialects.

17. **fit** /fɪt/ - physically attractive

- We met some really **fit** guys at the pub last night.

And here's a final bonus term for you -

- **tipsy** /'tɪpsi/ - slightly drunk
 - I'm not drunk, I'm just **tipsy**!



QUIZ!

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1) You were _____ the most stunning person at the wedding - more so than the bride.

- a. long and goodbye
- b. far and gone
- c. by miles

2) What does the informal contraction 'wanna' stand for?

- a. want to
- b. was not
- c. will not

3) The idiom 'to not have a chance in hell' means:

- a. to be very religious
- b. to have a good chance
- c. to have no chance

4) If you say yes to a date, he'll be absolutely _____.

- a. gobsmacked
- b. trolled
- c. slapped up

5) 'Chuffed' means:

- a. embarrassed
- b. very happy or proud
- c. disappointed

6) Do you fancy getting a _____ at the curry spot up the road?

- a. bite to eat
- b. mate
- c. cakehole

7) I've been _____ up whether to ask you out all night.

- a. giving
- b. making
- c. weighing

8) I'm _____ of hearing about his new car.

- a. sick
- b. excited
- c. ill

9) To 'bang on about' something means to:

- a. talk briefly about it
- b. talk annoyingly for a long time about it
- c. completely ignore it

10) Are you _____ walk me home or not?

- a. gonna
- b. wanna
- c. must

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